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Serial No.: 10/005,882)	Art Unit: 1731
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Filed: December 3, 2001)	Dept. Acct. No.: 04-1403
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For: Tissue Products Having)	
Reduced Lint and Slough)	

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AFFIDAVIT OF JASON W. JOHNSTON
IN SUPPORT OF THE PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47

I, Jason W. Johnston, swear and state as follows:

I am currently a Patent Attorney with the Law Firm of Dority & Manning, P.A. My Registration Number is 45,675. I prepared and filed the above-captioned application.

1. It is believed that Strong C. Chuang is unavailable to sign the Oath or Declaration for the patent application entitled "Tissue Products Having Reduced Lint and Slough" having an Official Serial Number 10/005,882.
2. The last known address for Mr. Chuang is 915 Cambridge Court, Appleton, Wisconsin 54915.
3. After receiving the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated January 7, 2002, the Declaration was sent to Mr. Chuang via Federal Express at his last known address in Appleton, Wisconsin (a copy of the letter is enclosed herewith as Appendix A).

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4. Using the online tracking service for Federal Express, it was determined that the letter to Mr. Chuang was delivered on February 1, 2002 (a copy of the Online Tracking Report is enclosed herewith as Appendix B).

5. After failing to receive any answer from Mr. Chuang, a second copy of the Declaration was sent to Mr. Chuang on April 10, 2002 at his last known address in Appleton, Wisconsin via Federal Express (a copy of the 2nd letter is enclosed herewith as Appendix C).

6. Using the online tracking service for Federal Express, it was determined that the letter to Mr. Chuang was delivered on April 11, 2002 (a copy of the Online Tracking Report is enclosed herewith as Appendix D).

7. Upon once again failing to receive any answer from Mr. Chuang, a third copy of the Declaration was sent to Mr. Chuang on May 2, 2002 at his last known address in Appleton, Wisconsin via U.S. mail (a copy of the 3rd letter is enclosed herewith as Appendix E).

8. On July 3, 2002, I received confirmation from Gregory Croft of Kimberly-Clark that, as of May 2002, the last known address (via the Pension Department) of Mr. Chuang was in fact 915 Cambridge Ct. Appleton 54915. I was also informed that Mr. Chuang's "Life Member Luncheon" invitation was sent to this address in May and was not returned.

9. Based on the repeated unsuccessful attempts in contacting Mr. Chuang at his last known address, an additional attempt was made to contact Mr. Chuang through one of the co-inventors of the present application, Sheng-Hsin Hu. Mr. Hu informed me

that Mr. Chuang was battling cancer, and for this reason, he had returned to his home country of Taiwan.

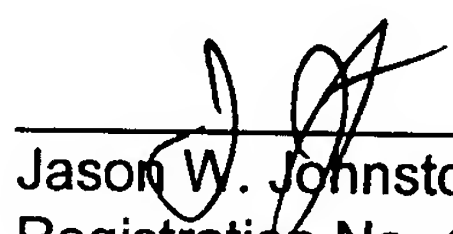
10. Although Mr. Hu did not have any information regarding the specific whereabouts of Mr. Chuang in Taiwan, he did provide me with Mr. Chuang's last known e-mail address, i.e., "schuang@new.rr.com." An e-mail was sent to Mr. Chuang on July 3, 2002 at this address (a copy of the e-mail is enclosed herewith as Appendix F). The e-mail explained to Mr. Chuang the necessity of obtaining a fax number or mailing address at which he could be reached. To date, no reply has been received.

11. An Internet search was unsuccessfully conducted in a further attempt to locate any person named "Strong Chuang" in Taiwan.

12. All of our attempts to locate Mr. Chuang, whether in the United States or in Taiwan, have been unsuccessful.

Respectfully submitted,

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